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**Via ECF**

Hon. Dora Lizette Irizarry  
United States District Court for the  
Eastern District of New York  
225 Cadman Plaza East, 505 North  
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re.: *Gustavo Santos v. ET & K Foods, Inc., et al.*,  
16-cv-7107 (DLI)(VMS)

Dear Judge Irizarry:

On August 7, 2017, this office requested leave to make a motion for an evidentiary hearing with respect to a) whether a backdoor settlement in violation of *Cheeks* had occurred between the parties, and b) whether Plaintiff's counsel should receive attorney fees under New York Judiciary law § 475 (dkt 043). That same day, Defendants' counsel acknowledged in a letter to the Court that a settlement had occurred between the parties without Court approval (dkt 045).

We renew our request for leave to make a motion set forth above.

Respectfully,

/s Jacob Aronauer  
Jacob Aronauer

cc: **By ECF**

*All attorneys on record*